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The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 27, 2019

"Have you not known, have you not heard those who wait for the Lord shall mount up with wings like eagles."

Isaiah 40:28,31

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The Eagle is available on the internet at www.stjohnsmontgomery.org

EYC will have a Halloween party October 27th from 5:00-7:00. Wear your costumes and great ready to play games and eat lots of candy!

Upcoming Events:

- October 30** Trunk-or-Treat
 - All families are welcome to participate. Each family car is responsible for their own decorations and candy. There will be a contest for the "Best Decorated Trunk." All cars must be parked in parking lot NO LATER than 5:45 pm! We will close off the parking lot at this time.
- December 1-8** Angel Tree Outreach
- December 1-23** Las Posadas
 - **Online sign-up sheet available.** All families are invited to participate in hosting the Holy Family (dolls) one night during Advent.
- December 1** Rise Against Hunger
 - All families are invited to participate in this outreach event! (5:00-7:00 pm)
- December 4** Advent Wreath Making
 - Dinner (6:00-7:30 pm)
- Dec. 8 & 15** Pageant Rehearsal
 - All children (K-6th) will meet in Nave during the Sunday school hour (9:15 am).
- December 22** Children's Christmas

Trunk-or-Treat
Wednesday, October 30
 (Boocharist at 5:30 pm)
 Come for a fun corn dog dinner, inflatable bouncy fun, face painting and more!
 Each family is responsible for decorating their own car and providing candy for the children. All cars MUST be parked in parking lot NO LATER than 5:45 pm.

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I PROMISE

One of the things I have come to count on in my marriage, even more than my wife's acts of love, is her promise to love me. While certainly a promise without the delivery of an act is empty, an act coming from something other than promise is mere seduction. Acts issuing only from feelings are so temporary and fragile and become reminders of what will inevitably cease. Acts issuing from promises become hints of what is yet to come, reminders of that which is greater than us.

As a husband, I will admit that my acts of love have benefitted me far more than they have my wife. As I have treated her with love, I have come to love her even more. Yet I know I have grown through my promises to her even more than through my actions. Actions are only about the present while promises are about the future. Actions present who I am; promises stretch me into who I could become.

Currently we are asking you to consider acts of good stewardship, the giving of your financial resources to God's work in the world. More specifically, we have asked you to give to St. John's and suggested that you will grow closer to the Lord as you give. Now we commend to you pledging as even more important than giving. You are asked, not only

to give to St. John's, but to make a commitment to giving. And for good reason.

Certainly there is the practical matter of planning. We can budget only from pledges. For us to make plans for the coming year based only on what we want to do, with no thought as to what is affordable, would be absurd. Were your Vestry to behave in such fashion it would be similar to children buying things without parental consent as to what is within our means. We will spend only what is committed to us as available resources.

Even more importantly there is the matter of our mutual spiritual growth through prayerful commitment. Not only do my promises to others instill a sense of trust and hope within them; they also extend my sights of my own capabilities. My commitments cause me to dig deeper and to do the things I have said I would do. My promises improve my actions.

Commitments also bring me to the realization that I cannot do by myself all I have said I would do. My failures and successes alike in my promises remind me that I fulfill no commitments without God's grace. My promises are extended, inspired by a sense of what I might hope to do. And then I must deal with so many

THE LESSONS:

Jeremiah 14:7-10,19-22
 Psalm 84:1-6
 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18
 Luke 18:9-14

THE COLLECT:

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

MINISTERS SERVING THIS SUNDAY

ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER:

Joel Gregory

ACOLYTES: Mary Virginia Huffaker, Anna Mitchell Clark, Walton Norrell, Chase Wells, Hunter Dailley, Bobby Bradford, Holden Habermacher, Alex Marks

VESTRY: 7:30 Dick Arrington 10:30 Austin Huffaker, Jimmy McLemore. Katie Keller, Stephanie Norrell

LAY EUCHARISTIC

MINISTERS: Mary Hughes, Leale McCall, Richard Anderson

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VISITORS: Rosa Davis

ALTAR GUILD: Debbie Schremser, Jeanne Drummond

PASTORAL

CARE: Murray Bennett, Carrie Shaw, Margaret Peeples

FLOWER DELIVERY:

Jeanne Drummond, Bette Smith, Debbie Schremser

Flowers by the St. John's Flower Guild

things which threaten my actual actions. I am tempted not to keep the commitment; I tease myself with rationalizations about how others are not delivering on their promises. Yet the commitment echoes interiorly, a quiet voice of what could and should be. Promises both remind me of how little I can accomplish on my own and how very much I can accomplish when I draw on God's help.

God does not love us on a whim; God loves out of promise. The resurrection is not an emotional reaction to human cruelty; it is the culmination of God's commitment to us. We are called, not just to love others, but to commit our love. And so we ask you, not just to give to God's work in the world, but to pledge your commitment. The promise, and the giving, will connect you to eternal life.

Yours faithfully,
Robert C. Wisniewski, Jr.

PLEDGE CARDS ARE REQUESTED BY NOVEMBER 3

Roll of Remembrance

On All Saints' Sunday, November 3, we will read the list of members and loved ones who have died in the past year. Please inform Joleen George if you have names to be included (joleen@stjohnsmontgomery.org).

JOY AND CONCERN

Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners: Glenn Price, Christopher Marshall, Sarah Stone, Jim Thomas, Karen Jarrell, Eddie McDowell, Shirley Price, Florence Jordan, Joe McGough, Cynthia Hill, George Wakefield, Frances Condit, Nan Rosa.

Prayers are also requested for these friends: Rob Ludington, Barry Green-Burns, Gloria Hudgeon, John Robertson, Johnny Smith, Mary Linger, George West, Randy Rushton, Phil Dotts, Doris Thornton, Tommy Oliver, Ruth Jones, Karen & Angelo Pacheco, Acra Hackney Samuels, Margaret (Marty) Hackney, Ed Sellers, Tom Broadhurst, Ricky Hatfield, Willie Fred Gamble, Monica Powell, Chase Pickett, Al Perkins, Debbie Steindorff, Pam Litel, Aaron Hines, Daphne Oliver, Dawn Damato, Dottie Campbell, Scott Bradford, Mary Steindorff, Jack Mitchell, Margaret Carlson, Paula Hamm Roberts, Kim Barnhart, Lavada Spears Persons, Charles Colvin, Cookie Zibilich, Charlie Smith, Clemmon Barlow, Chuck Holley, Sandy Lynn Stevens, Masha Kloberg, Andy Silverman, William Hardwick Ray, Meredith McLemore, Elizabeth McLemore Baker, Ernie Reddick, Jean Shackelford, Vaughan Dozier, Kay Ivey.

Please notify us when you are sick or hospitalized so that we might provide pastoral care.

Sunday School Dates for the Fall:

Nov 3 to Dec 8

--Jamie: Julian of Norwich

--Karen Funk: Mary Oliver's Poetry

October Ingathering

Coats for Friendship Mission-A faith-based shelter for homeless men, women and children. Two shelter locations, and a community meals program (soup kitchen) open to all who are hungry in Montgomery, Alabama.

Please bring your gently used or new coats to the educational building.

"I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me." Mathew 25:36

Rector Search Listening Session

October 27th @ 9:00-10:15 am in the Parish Hall

The members of the Self Study committee want to hear from you! This Sunday there will be three listening stations in the parish hall during the Sunday School hour. Come sit with a committee member and share your thoughts on the future of St. John's and our rector search. Hope to see you there!!

Events Around the Corner

Young Adult Supper Club October 24th 6:30 @ the Colliers

Mary and MARTHA Guild October 27th @ 4:00

Trunk or Treat October 30th 6:00

OCTOBER 31st LAST DAY TO COMPLETE SURVEY!!

All Saints Sunday Evensong at the Ascension November 3rd @ 5:00

Heavenly Host November 12th at The Bradford's @ 6:30

BAZAAR!! November 20th 10:00-2:00

Bazaar Pantry Cooking-every Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 am

Bazaar Arts and Crafts every Monday 9:30 am

Mary and Martha Guild Important Dates:

October 27th: gather in the Parish Hall at 4:00; we will clean our containers and prep them for the potted flowers to be put in them closer to the time of the Bazaar.

November 3rd: gather in the Parish Hall at 4:00; we will be gold dipping magnolia leaves & miscellaneous other items.

The Flowers on the Altar this Sunday are to the glory of God and in memory of:

Betty Holloway Harmon
 Barrie Holt Harmon
 Mary Louise Baker

Sam Rice Baker
 Louise P. Harmon
 Stephanie Holt Harmon

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

SUNDAY

7:30 am Holy Eucharist
 8:15 am Breakfast in the Parish House
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist
 4:20 pm Children's Choir
 9:00 pm Compline on FB Live

MONDAY

12 Noon Clergy Led Bible Study in the Small Dining Room

TUESDAY

7:00 am Holy Eucharist
 8:10 am Morning Prayer on FB Live
 8:30 am Prayer Group

WEDNESDAY

11:30 am Centering Prayer
 5:30pm Eucharist

THURSDAY

12:05 pm Holy Unction and Holy Eucharist
 6:00 pm Adult Choir Practice

St. John's Faithfulness

Required Weekly \$35,331.16
 Received Sunday \$34,349.68

Required to Date \$1,483,908.72
 Received to Date \$1,357,298.20